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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/796,194  
Applicants: Keiichi SATOH, et al.  
Filing Date: March 10, 2004  
For: BULK PAPER FEEDING DEVICE WITH  
INTERMEDIATE CONVEYOR FOR IMAGE  
FORMING DEVICE  
Group Art Unit: 2854  
Examiner: YAN, REN LUO

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 7, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-9. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-35 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. MPEP §803 states that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

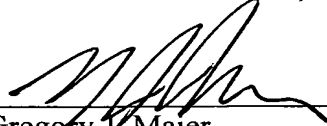
It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

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